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For : SHEET-AFFIXING DEVICE AND SHEET-SUPPLYING DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-40434, published on February 10, 1995.

Applicant notes that this document is discussed on page 2 of the specification of the instant application; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-323953, published on December 12, 1995.

Applicant notes that this document is listed on page 2 of the specification.

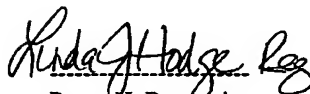
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm

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consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application.

- ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
X An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.
___ No additional fee is required.

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